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SUBJECT: TELECOMMUNICATIONS TRADE MISSION FEB. 1977

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D) ATHENS 12964; E) ANKARA 9421; STATE 115955; CARIO 9145

FOR ATHENS, PASS TO RTDO KINNEAR

1. PLANS FOR THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS TRADE MISSION ARE
PROCEEDING ON SCHEDULE.

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2. FOR CAIRO: REGRET USDOC ADMINISTRATION MISUNDERSTAND-
ING WHICH CAUSED SUBJECT MISSION TO BE PLANNED AND
RECRUITED PRIOR TO OBTAINING POST ACCEPTANCE OF FINAL
DATES FOR VISIT. SCHEDULINGBASED ON ANKARA AND CAIRO
STOPS PRIOR TO PARTICIPATION IN TEHRAN TRADE CENTER
EXHIBITION COMMENCING FEB. 27. AS EXHIBITORS MUST ARRIVE

TEHRAN IN ADVANCE EXHIBITION IN ORDER ASSIST IN SHOW SET-UP CAIRO VISIT CANNOT BE ADJUSTED TO LATER IN WEEK. ADJUSTMENT TO EARLIER IN MONTH NOT FEASIBLE AS PARTICIPANTS RECRUITED ON BASIS ONE WEEK CONTINUOUS 3 STOP TRIP; SWITCH WITH DATES FOR TURKEY NOT POSSIBLE DUE TO DIFFERENCES IN WEEKEND. REQUEST THEREFORE POST RECONSIDER ACCEPTANCE MISSION FOR CAIRO STOP FEB. 20-23 WITH FEB 20 AS OPEN DAY

AND BUSINESS MEETINGS COMMENCING FEB. 21. REGRET INCONVENIENCE CAUSED EMBASSY STAFF DUE TO FEB. 21 US HOLIDAY. ANY OTHER SCHEDULE NOT POSSIBLE. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST. IF MISSION VISIT ACCEPTABLE, PLEASE MAKE HOTEL RESERVATION PER REF B FOR NINE PEOPLE PLUS MISSION DIRECTOR MACLEAN.

3. FOR ATHENS: PRINT PACKAGE FOR ENGLISH/ARABIC BROCHURE FOR USE IN EGYPT IS BEING FORWARDED TO ATHENS ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE IN REF D.

4. COMMERCE PREFERS TO HAVE BROCHURE PRINTED AND TRANSLATED IN TURKEY. CURRENT BUDGET ALLOWS 900 DOLLARS TOTAL FOR BROCHURE. IF ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, BUDGET CAN BE INCREASED TO COVER COSTS. COMMERCE IS CHECKING ON POSSIBILITIES HERE FOR TRANSLATION AND PRINTING, HOWEVER, BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE, COMMERCE HAS FOUND HIGHER QUALITY TRANSLATION AND BETTER PRINTING CAN BE DONE AT MISSION SITE. FOLLOWING REF. E, PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST CAPABILITY OF USIS FOR TRANSLATION AND LOCAL SOURCES FOR PRINTING.

5. ADVANCE OFFICER WILLIAM JORDAN PLANS TO FOLLOW
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SCHEDULE ACCORDING TO REF. A, PARA 4 WITH POSSIBLE STOP IN ATHENS BETWEEN ANKARA AND CAIRO TO PICK UP BROCHURES FOR CAIRO, ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 24. COMMERCE IS AWARE OF ANKARA-ATHENS FLIGHT SCHEDULE PROBLEMS.
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